

JURGE. HUMPHRIES, \$25,000 FORGER, IS OUT ON SMALL DAIL

Former Teller Secretly Arraigned Wednesday, But News Is Suppressed.

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will not investigate the case before September. The operations of Humphries are said to extend over a period of three years, beginning when he was employed at the National City Bank, which was merged with the Commercial National Bank in April, 1911. Forged commercial notes, which are alleged to have been cleverly concealed among the collateral of the National City Bank, were transferred to the Commercial National Bank, escaping the careful examination of the committee which examined the transferred paper.

Clever forging was used by Humphries in executing the spurious notes by which he is alleged to have embezzled about \$25,000. So perfect was the signature of A. G. Clapham, president of the Commercial Bank, as forged by Humphries, that not even the experts in the bank could detect any discrepancy. It is also said that this bogus signature was never even questioned.

In putting the forged notes among the collateral of the bank and preventing their discovery by the other employees, Humphries is said to have displayed much cleverness. He took the forged notes out of the vault just before they were due to mature, replacing them with other worthless notes. He used the names of firms and individuals about whose credit there could be no possible doubt.

Forged Notes Get "O. K."

When the Commercial National Bank took over the resources of the National City Bank a year ago last April, forged promissory notes for the total amount of the admitted losses were passed by the committee examining the assets, receiving the "O. K." of the supervisors.

During the intervening time, the claim is made, that the note teller has simply continued to use these forged notes, by repeated operations as an expert penman—that he did not take the cash from the Commercial National Bank, and that the latter was therefore in no way loser through the series of operations and therefore has no recourse on the bondsmen.

The speculations carried on through a note broker were accredited by the note teller to speculative operations for "my uncle in the city," who is said to be a small way, these operations in the aggregate were large, but it is said, were made entirely while the teller was in the employ of the National City Bank. The bonding company insists that the recourse of the Commercial National Bank is against the former shareholders of the National City, and not on them.

Reports His Discovery.

Samuel M. Hann, national bank examiner for the District of Columbia and the city of Baltimore, made immediate report to the Comptroller of the Currency, the Department of Justice and the District Attorney, coinciding with the discovery of nearly \$25,000 forged promissory notes in the securities of the Commercial National Bank.

It is part of the duties of the national bank examiner to see that the instructions to bank examiners that they at once prepare three reports of any irregularities, criminal or otherwise, in connection with the institutions which they examine. Mr. Hann prepared the usual form letters, which in time went through the office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the other two as indicated.

This was several weeks ago. Having complied with published instructions from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the other two as indicated, Mr. Hann had nothing more to do with the case.

It is understood that Bank Examiner Hann took the actual forged notes over to the Treasury Department, where the officials were given an opportunity to see the documents.

The Department of Justice has recently established a bureau in the department for the special care, investigation, and prosecution of violations of the law committed in national banks. In the city of Washington, the division was established with the Comptroller of the Currency has charge of the examination of all banks, trust companies, etc., and the prosecution of offenders.

Will Refuse to Pay Claim.

It is more than likely that the National Surety Company, one of the bondsmen of the young banker, will refuse to pay the claim of the Commercial National Bank.

Fine legal points will be involved in the contention of the surety company. It was stated by a representative of the company today that they only bonded Humphries after he went to the Commercial National Bank, and that the company is not responsible for the forged notes, in the employ of the bank that sold out. They say that had the forgeries been committed directly against the Commercial National Bank, the company would have been paying the loss, but that the forgeries were committed on the other bank, that the Commercial National Bank was not responsible for the forged notes, and that the company should not be made to pay.

To what end the question involved will go, it cannot be stated today. The Commercial Bank claims it will lose nothing; that the surety companies must make good the loss of the question go to the local courts, it is no doubt would excite more legal interest than any case that has come before the public in years.

Publication in the noon edition of The Times of the fact that John E. Humphries is the confessed forger of the worthless securities in the Commercial National Bank deal, produced a tremendous volume of buzzing gossip in the banks of the city during the noon hour. These clerks, tellers, or bookkeepers who have known Humphries held the center of the stage, and those who did not plied the others with questions.

It was agreed by all who know the former teller that he was one of the best men who ever worked in a bank, suspected either of doing anything against the law or of having conceived such a novel scheme as Humphries' was supposed to have employed. Humphries' associates say that his conduct and private life have always been clean and blameless; that he has not even any of the smaller vices, and never showed any disposition toward extravagant expenditure.

Return After Elopement



MR. and MRS. PHILLIP LECARION, Who Were Married Yesterday in Baltimore. Mrs. Lecarion Formerly Was Miss Bessie Turner.

Mr. Davis is said to be an uncle of Humphries by marriage. He flatly refused to talk about Humphries' plight, saying he had no information to give, "safe," said Mr. Davis. "You won't get any answers out of me."

Banker Denies Blame For Delay In Arrest Of Accused Note Forger

President A. G. Clapham, of the Commercial National Bank, said today that his institution had nothing to do with the two months' delay, followed by a secret hearing, after the forgeries had been discovered.

He reiterated his previous statement that, when the alleged bad notes were discovered, the District Attorney's Office and the bonding companies had been notified, and that the interest of the bank in the case had then ceased.

YOSHIHITO ORDERS BUSINESS TO RESUME

New Japanese Emperor Stops Public Mourning for Mutsuhito.

TOKYO, Aug. 2.—Business in the capital and generally throughout the country, which came to a standstill with the death on Tuesday morning of the Emperor Mutsuhito, was resumed today, the Emperor Yoshihito having expressed the desire that there should be no further cessation, owing to the losses entailed on the poor and the interferences with international commerce.

The Emperor Yoshihito was kept busy throughout the day, during which he issued an edict proclaiming his accession, which he read before a vast concourse of high officers. He also personally proclaimed his succession to the command of the army and navy.

The Japanese foreign office has notified the foreign powers that the imperial birthday has been changed from November 3 (Mutsuhito's natal day), to August 31 (Yoshihito's birthday).

Following on the farewell taken of the Emperor's body by the members of the imperial family, the body was deposited in a casket with a quadruple covering, the outer one measuring 9 by 4 feet, and then placed in a special mourning chamber.

On his way to the Aoyama palace, where it is understood he will reside until after the funeral, the Emperor Yoshihito was given a great ovation, immense crowds gathering along the street, where they stood to wave hands.

The exact date of the imperial funeral has not yet been announced.

DENTIST IS HELD ON NON-SUPPORT CHARGE

Claude Cooksey Accused of Refusing Aid to Child.

Non-support of a child of whom he is alleged to be the father, was the charge on which Claude Cooksey, a dentist, 817 Fourteenth street northwest, was arrested today. The dentist deposited \$100 collateral for his appearance in Juvenile Court this afternoon, when he will be given a preliminary hearing.

The warrant charges violation of the recent act of Congress giving the Juvenile Court jurisdiction in cases of this kind. Only two other arrests have been made under this act, but so far neither case has been called for trial.

The law is somewhat different than the previous act, as it provides that in cases of illegitimate children the defendant shall be arraigned at one term of court and tried at the next.

Bicyclist's Foot Crushed.

Thrown from his bicycle when it skidded on a stretch of slippery pavement in Fourteenth street northwest, today, William Gordon, a fifteen-year-old colored boy, living at 254 Cleveland avenue northwest, was injured when a Capital Traction car, the wheels crushing his right foot. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where the doctors found it would be necessary to amputate his leg just above the ankle.

FILE PROTEST AGAINST SALOON

Tenants in New Riggs Building Object to Entrance in Lobby.

Protest against the installation of an entrance from the lobby of the Riggs building into the saloon which will occupy the southeast corner is made to the Excise Board by Attorney E. Shoemaker, representing Thomas J. De Lashmut and Frederick Rhodes. Mr. De Lashmut and Mr. Rhodes are tenants in the new building.

W. P. Richards, chairman ex-officio, said today that the board has decided it is without authority to prohibit the entrance, condition, it is said, are the same as in the old Riggs House, Loehi's saloon, having had two entrances into the lobby of the building.

To overcome the point of law raised by Attorney Shoemaker that a saloon, in order to secure a transfer of license, must be in existence November 1, the beginning of the license year, the Metropolitan Company erected a wooden shanty at Fifteenth and G streets, in which drinks were sold for several weeks.

EXPRESS COLLIDES WITH FAST FREIGHT

Blue Mountain Flyer in Head-On Collision—Passengers Cut By Glass.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 2.—The Blue Mountain express, the most luxurious train on the Western Maryland railroad, was in a head-on collision with a fast freight at Chewsville, Md., early today.

Five passengers and several members of the crew of the two trains were injured. The locomotives were demolished and the baggage and mail coaches of the express were derailed.

Because of wires being down, communication is slow, but the passengers are reported by the railroad officials to be suffering from cuts from flying glass and bruises and shock by being hurled from their seats by the crash.

Several trainmen who were seriously hurt are being taken to a Hagerstown hospital.

SUES FOR \$20,000 FOR DEATH OF WIFE

Julius Beuchert Asks Redress for Alleged Carelessness of Driver.

Two suits were instituted today by Julius Beuchert on his own behalf and as administrator of the estate of his deceased wife, Mary Beuchert, to recover \$20,000 damages against the Arlington Brewing Company for the death of his wife in a collision with one of the wagons of the company.

In the declaration filed by attorneys Wilton J. Lamber and Rudolph H. Yeastman, it is claimed that on October 2, 1911, Mrs. Beuchert was driving a buggy along Benning road toward Washington, and that one of the wagons of the Brewing Company was being negligently driven in the same direction, and that as a result of the carelessness of the driver, the wagon collided with the buggy, causing Mrs. Beuchert to receive injuries, as a result of which she died.

She was survived by her husband and five young children.

Foreigners to Enter Aero Competition

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Officials of the Aero Club of Illinois today recorded the first entries in the world's championship races for the Gordon Bennett Cup here September 9. Several famous foreign flyers whose activities have been confined to European fields will be among the entrants.

Cabled news from Paris to the club officials told of the several noted Frenchmen who had signed entry blanks, among them Roland Garros, present holder of the world's altitude record and the only flyer to finish in the recent French Grand Prix, in which a high wind wrecker had represented Edmund Audemars will represent Switzerland, according to a cable message received yesterday.

McMillin Nominated.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 2.—Almost complete returns in yesterday's Democratic State primaries show today that former Governor Benton McMillin was nominated for governor of Tennessee by an overwhelming majority, having received more than half of the total vote cast. Thomas E. Preston, Chattanooga banker, was McMillin's nearest competitor in the field of five candidates.

TELEPHONE GIRL ELOPES AND WEDS IN MARYLAND CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Lecarion Return Today From Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Lecarion returned today from Baltimore, where they were married yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The bride, who was Miss Bessie Turner, has been told supervisor for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for the past three years.

She and Mr. Lecarion slipped over to the Maryland city and were quietly married. They took almost no one into their confidence, and the elopement bid fair to be a success so far as secrecy was concerned until the evening newspapers got wind of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Lecarion began house-keeping today in an apartment in Twelfth street southeast.

GERAGHTY IS BARRED FROM FRENCH HOME

Newport Society Decides to Welcome Wife and Child, But Not the Husband.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 2.—Mrs. "Jack" Geraghty is awaiting the visit of the work, which is expected to visit the little cottage in Everett street during the present month. Papa-to-be "Jack" is busy selling autos and conducting a garage and doing a nice little business among the townspeople. The cottagers don't go near "Jack," even in a business way, but he doesn't seem to mind this and he and his wife are together every evening, motoring quietly about town, and seeming as happy as two mortals can be.

Society has let Mrs. Geraghty severally alone since the first Mrs. Amos Tuck French let her daughter understand that she was welcome to come home at any time she chose on condition that she contributed the extra \$5,000. Mrs. Geraghty, the former chauffeur, be left behind Mrs. French has told friends that the advent of a baby will make absolutely no change in her attitude, her daughter can come and the baby too, but not Geraghty. Since Julia French became Mrs. Geraghty, and left her husband, she has not once re-entered it. There still is no reconciliation unless Jack Geraghty is left out of the question, and all who have seen the couple since their marriage are positive that Mrs. Geraghty has no notion of leaving her husband.

'KID' M'COY RELEASED UNDER HEAVY BAIL

Influence of Scotland Yard Helps to Obtain Freedom of Pugilist.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—"Kid" McCoy was released by the English police today on \$10,000 bail. He himself put up \$10,000, and a friend contributed the extra \$5,000.

When the "Kid" was first brought into the Bow street police court, under accusation on which he was arrested at the request of the Belgian police, several days ago, complicity in the theft of valuable gems from the Princess of Thurn and Taxis at Ostend, Belgium, was charged against him. The "Kid" refused to accept bail, however, for his client, detectives from Scotland Yard said they had no doubt of his innocence, and while pressure from these two sources was still being brought upon the magistrate, a message was received from the Belgian legation that it had no objection to the prisoner's release.

Accordingly, the American Jo jail order remanding the American Jo jail until next Thursday and admitted him to bail.

Motor Car and Carriage Knock Two Men Down

D. F. Crown, of 19 Ninth street northeast, was thrown from his automobile, but not injured, in a collision with a carriage at Sixth street and Massachusetts avenue northeast.

The driver of the carriage did not stop after the accident, but the driver of his vehicle was obtained by the police and application will be made at Police Court today for a warrant charging him with colliding.

Dr. J. Bentley Cherry, of 1022 U street northwest, was knocked down at Ninth and M streets northwest by an unidentified white motor car, and was injured, but not seriously. He was treated at Freedmen's Hospital.

Loyal Order of Moose Plan Their Excursion

The annual excursion of Columbia Lodge, No. 126, Loyal Order of Moose, will be held at Maryland Hall Monday.

More than 3,000 members and friends are expected to make the trip. An athletic program has been arranged. Since the local lodge of the Moose was organized here a year ago, the membership has grown from almost nothing to 1,000 members.

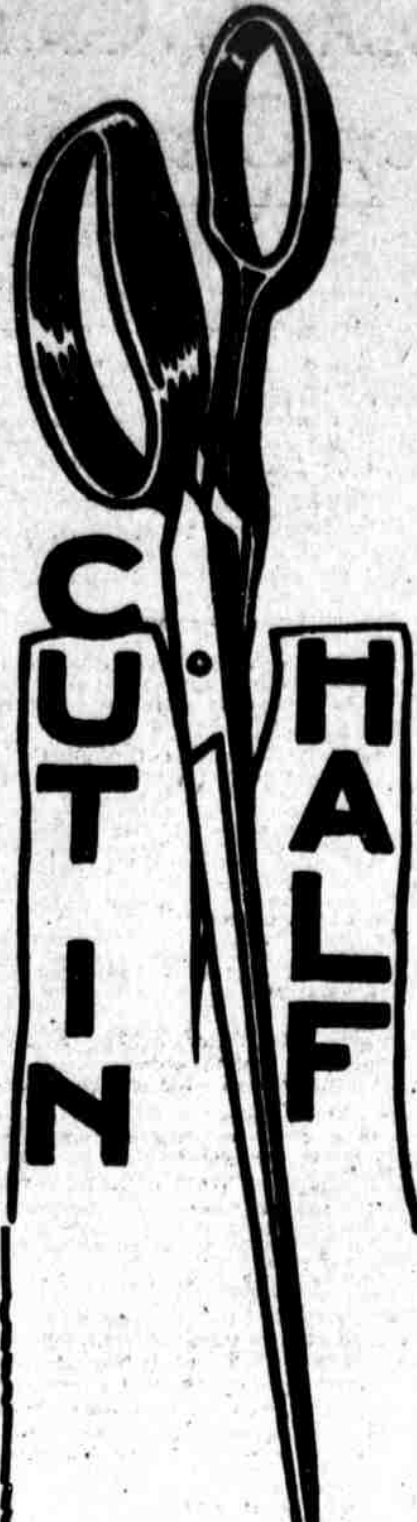
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Heart to Heart Talks

BY THE EDITOR OF THE CAVALIER

I ALWAYS liked the story about the young chap who called on Professor Socrates and addressed him about as follows: "I desire to be married. My parents object on the ground that I am without visible means of support, and that the bride will suffer in consequence. I do not wish to do her a great wrong, and I fear that if we are not wed I shall die from regret. And, with equal sincerity, I am of the opinion that to take this woman for a wife would be an injustice to her."

"My all-knowing friend, give me counsel."

Soc stroked his whiskers, turned a calm eye upon the youth, and, in that slow, deliberate manner which enabled him to break into conversations all over Athens, came back as follows:

"My son, whichever you do you will regret."

That sort of a reply is all right for school-books sifted through classical history, but I should hate to pay a lawyer for that kind of counsel on any sort of a proposition. All the same, there is truth in it. The main fact, that we are up against it all the time, is self-evident.

"MORE TROUBLE"

BY EDGAR FRANKLIN

begins serially in this issue of THE CAVALIER (August 3), now on sale. If you want to know the plot of the story, just imagine a young man graduating from a first-class college amid the applause of his colleagues and to the everlasting joy of the faculty. He is the gold-medal boy of the bunch, and, after receiving a handful of diplomas, a large assortment of degrees, and a quire of testimonials from the profs., he returns to his native town, gets off the train, and immediately falls heir to more trouble—continuous, uninterrupted, unbroken, unrestricted trouble—than any one human being has ever been called upon to handle, not excepting the unfortunate Billy Patterson, who was struck from behind by a total stranger and passed into oblivion among the world's enigmas.

The beauty about "MORE TROUBLE" is that it is the biography of every one who reads it. You will find yourself beautifully spread out, catalogued and classified on every page, and you will be glad to know that, notwithstanding you are the unluckiest person in the whole world, the central figure in "MORE TROUBLE" has got it on you, in some particular, at least.

This serial will run through three issues of THE CAVALIER and win your best approval.

WHAT is more apropos at this season of the year than a love story? I do not mean by that a simple tale made up of a soft look, a gentle word, and a nice, quiet, old minister taking ten dollars from a groom, but a love-story of the romance-adventure school—a love-story fraught with thrilling situations.

To illustrate, let us take

"EDUCATING BILLY"

BY CARLTON MATTIS

which appears in this issue of THE CAVALIER as a novelette.

You will feel sorry for Billy in the beginning of the story, because he saw, with his own eyes, what he regarded as ample justification for "going away from here." Billy wasn't a piker in any sense of the word. When he decided to pack his Gladstone and beat it, nobody could ever find any evidence that he changed his mind afterward. And so Billy walked out his own way, leaving behind him a beautiful summer love-making up at one fell swoop, took the "car ahead," and went south. By rights, that should have been the end of Billy, whereas it was the beginning of his education. He learned so many things from his Gladstone, besides introducing on his own account divers and sundry other special courses to say nothing of a few gun-plays, a loud noise here and there, with an occasional coroner's jury on the side, that you will find yourself occupied keeping track of him, and then, in the end, when you find that the pupil is teaching the master, you will begin to see the art human hearts—and turned them into a fine story.

ARE YOU ENGAGED?

If so, is your intended the kind of man you could afford to have around the house all the time? I say afford, because some husbands are very expensive indeed, costing not only large sums of money, but many tragic hours, in which neither the mind nor the soul hath any repose and the outlook is more or less misty.

It is not given to every young woman to know in advance all that she ought to know about her prospective husband. As a rule, an attempt to give a bride advance information is equivalent to inviting sudden death. They do not care for danger signals or the speed laws when they are on the way to the orange-blossoms. BUT—occasionally a near-bride runs across a very fine inside tip by accident, as you will observe if you read Mr. Laurence Yates' story, "THE MESSAGE." Everything was arranged for the wedding, and it didn't seem as though there could possibly be any slip-up. Even the neighbors had pressed themselves more or less frankly, and there was nothing further to be said except a few farewells. But the bride got a "message," and immediately events took a new turn, and that all-inspiring power, which acts as a protection against evil influences and inadvertence, saved her.

This is a tremendously impressive story for any young man who contemplates matrimony, and more impressive still for young women. As regards this type of message, I sincerely hope no reader of THE CAVALIER is destined to such an interruption unless it can be interpreted as a preservation.

"A BETS B"

BY ROZEMAN BULGER.

THERE is a young man by the name of Rozeman Bulger who does baseball for The Evening World. When Rozeman isn't batting the English language clean out of the box in daily journalism, he butts into fiction or takes a shot at the drama, or throws a curve into the realm of a monologue. Rozeman plays all over the field in belles-lettres, and he is just as much at home with a split infinitive as he is with a compound hyphenated adjective.

WALTER HACKETT'S "GRAFT" is a man marries he goes on a long journey. But there is still a longer journey, and that is after a man has been married and leaves his wife for a time—leaves her just long enough to discover that he cannot get along without her. Rozeman Bulger, in "THE VOYAGE," presents this phase of life with much power. What you will learn from reading it will do you more good than harm, and hold your interest as well.

You get Stockard at his best in "LILLIAN'S LORD."

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